

**TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2008**

Meeting Place: Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Present: Chairman Don Bohn, Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, David Hartjes, and Edward Hellner; Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, Clerk Judy McLellan.

Absent:

Excused:

NOTE: () indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Bohn.

1. **Approval of January 22nd , 30th and February 5th , 2008 Town Board Meetings.** Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. **Approval/Denial of Application of Laura Rowe for aC.U.P. for 3 dogs at 4110 Bristol Ct.** Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes) to approve the C.U.P. for Laura Rowe with the stipulation that there be no boarding or breeding of the dogs. Motion carried.
3. **Approval/Denial of the Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the 2008 season.** Annual cost to the residents of Grand Rapids will remain at \$35 for the entire 2008 season. Yard waste from Town of Grand Rapids residents will be accepted at the East Side site only. Motion (Hartjes/Hellner) to approve Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the 2008 season as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Approval/Denial of Resolution to grant the Local Government Property Insurance Fund the contract for the insurance coverage for the public buildings and other property belonging to the Town of Grand Rapids.** Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes) to approve resolution 2008-02 to grant contract to LGPIF for the insurance coverage for the public buildings and other property belonging to the Town of Grand Rapids. Motion carried.
5. **Approval/Denial of application of Kevin and Amy Jo Neumann for a Combination Class B Liquor License for the business River Country (formerly Rapids Roadhouse) at 7330 Plover Road.** Kevin Neuman was present to answer question from the board. Kevin and Amy Jo will be purchasing the property in the near future. Karen Neumann current license holder has signed the release form to surrender the license with the condition that the license be issued to Kevin and Amy Jo Neumann. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to grant the Combination Class B Liquor License to Kevin and Amy Jo Neumann for the business River Country (formerly Rapids Roadhouse) at 7330 Plover Road. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of electrical quotes for work needed at the Municipal Building.** 3 quotes from town residents for adding 3 new circuits to main office area and identifying circuits throughout building were received. Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes) to accept quote from Boehm Electric as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Approval/Denial of petitioning for state and federal aid for airport improvements at Alexander Field, per the six year plan as presented.** . Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve petitioning for state and federal aid for airport improvements at Alexander Field, per the six year plan as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Approval of January disbursement vouchers.** No questions from board.
9. **Approval/Denial of Operators License Applications.** None presented to board.
10. **Appointment of Town Board Members to serve on committee with Village of Biron Trustees to investigate the hiring of a third party for feasibility study on shared services.** . Chairman Bohn made the recommendation to appoint Supervisor Arne Nystrom and Supervisor Jeanne Fehrman to serve on a committee with Village of Biron Trustees. Motion (Hartjes/Hellner) to approve the appointment of Nystrom and Fehrman to the committee. Motion carried
11. **Presentation by Wood County Sheriff's K-9 Fund representatives.** Sheriff Reichert, Officer Starks, and Ted Lyons from the Wisc Rapids Masons Lodge #128 were present to give a presentation of the fund raising effort currently underway to raise money for the K-9 unit for the present and future. Wood County Sheriff's Department is hoping to raise approximately \$90,000 (\$25,000 for present need and \$65,000 for future K-9

units). The money raised above the needed \$25,000 will be invested through the Community Foundation to be used to fund future K-9 purchases. Tax deductible donations can be made to the Community Foundation for the Wood County Sheriff's K-9 Fund

12. Monthly Reports from committees and departments.

- **Police Department:** Acting Chief of Police Dennis Krause reported that there were 229 calls for service for the month of January. Officer Andrew Simon was hired full time to replace Officer Scott Goldberg who resigned last month. Officer Simon began his duties on January 31st. The security check program for town businesses is up and running again. Within the last month our officers have completed at least 31 checks, distributed 25 warning posters, and made security recommendation to five businesses. Progress continues on the residential burglaries that occurred in the Town within the past few months. Investigations are continuing.
- **Fire Department:** Chief Bernette reported that there were 18 calls in January consisting of 1-CO, 2-structure, 1-mutual aid, 1-set up landing zone, 1-ambulance lift assist, 4-vehicle accidents, 7-RIT calls and 1 false alarm. Training for the month of Feb consisted of: Tour of Biron Mill, Live burn and coming up on 2/25 will be LP emergency response training. The First Responder team currently has 17 member trained, and 18 members starting classes on 3/11. Cost of classes are being paid through grants. The Grand Rapids easter egg hunt will be held on 3/22/08.
- **Safety:** Safety Director Scott Bernette reported no lost time injuries for the month of January. Next safety meeting will be on emergency vehicle operations, held on February 22nd with driving testing done on 3/19.
- **Public Works:** Chairman Bohn reported that the town crew is rolling back snow banks to prepare for the possibility of more snow. The salt supply is getting short and the town has had to adopt measures to conserve. Supervisor Ed Hellner reported that so far this winter the snow removal equipment is holding up well with only minor repairs needed.
- **Crime Stoppers:** Supervisor Arne Nystrom presented the 2007 balance sheet from Crime Stoppers. Beginning balance was \$2,284.37 and ending balance was \$3,505.38. \$3,300.00 was paid out for tips on crimes for the year 2007.
- **Airport Commission:** Supervisor Nystrom reported that the Village of Port Edwards is considering developing an airport development zone by the airport. The City of Nekoosa may be considering re-joining the Airport Commission.
- **Planning and Zoning:** Planning Commission is working on reviewing the ordinance that pertains to portable storage units and pods. Smart Growth meeting scheduled for February 18th. Survey results have all been tabulated.
- **Building Inspector:** No new construction at this time, though there has been a few inquires for the spring.

13. Other Public Input: Gary Allworden introduced himself to the board and presented maps of the new county districts. He explained that the districts will be changing when the county board is reduced at the April election.

Motion (Hartjes/ Hellner) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved
this _____ day of _____, 2008

Judy McLellan
Town Clerk